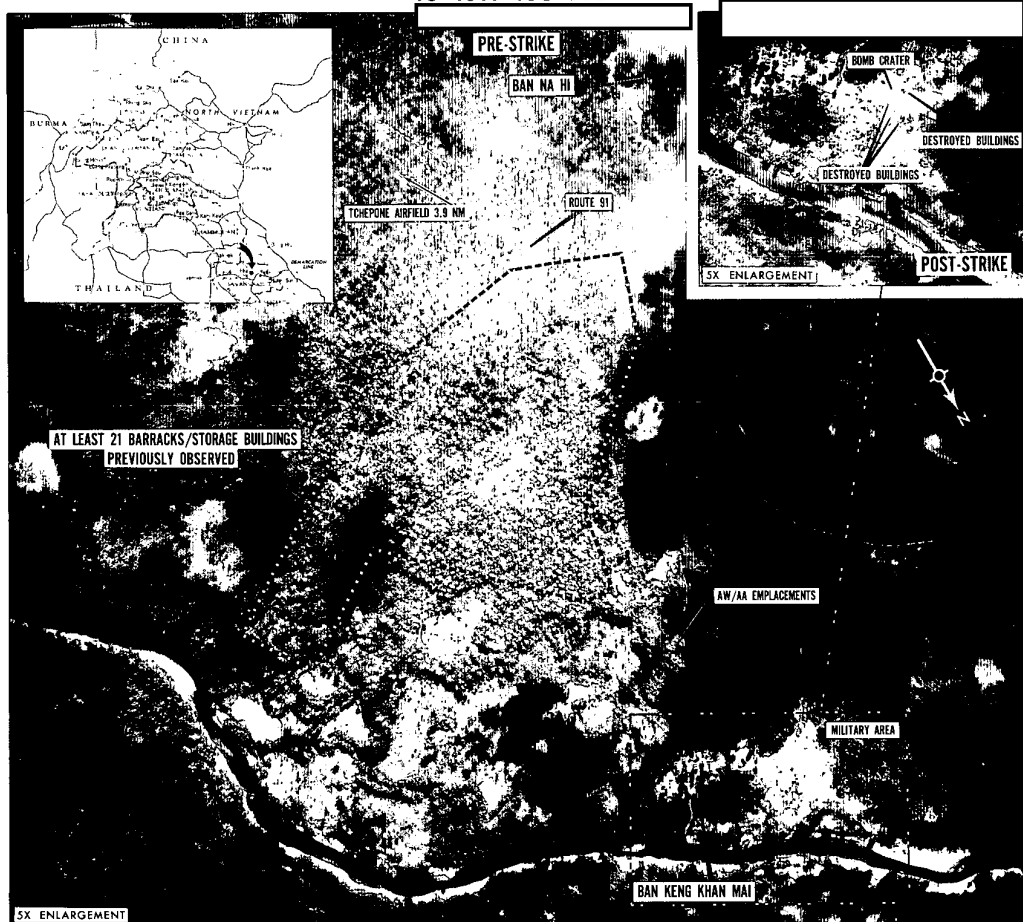


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(SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARD J-6068 FOR COMPARISON)

1. [REDACTED] REVEALED NO ACTIVITY
IN THE BAN NA HI AREA. 25X
2. [REDACTED] REVEALED THE DEVELOPMENT
OF A ROAD NETWORK INTO AN AREA LOCATED 0.3 NM NORTHEAST OF
BAN NA HI ON THE EAST SIDE OF ROUTE 91 AND 3.9 NM NORTHWEST
OF TCHEPONE AIRFIELD. SIGNS OF WHEELED TRACK ACTIVITY WITHIN
THE AREA WERE EVIDENT; HOWEVER, NO BUILDINGS WERE OBSERVED
THROUGH THE PARTIALLY-DEFOLIATED TREE COVER. 25X
3. [REDACTED] REVEALED A SIGNIFICANT
INCREASE IN THE TRACK ACTIVITY AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE AREA
AND ON ROUTE 91 TO THE SOUTH. AT LEAST TEN DISPERSED BARRACKS/
STORAGE BUILDINGS WERE OBSERVED THROUGH HEAVY TREE CANOPY. 25X
4. LUCKY DRAGON [REDACTED] REVEALED
THE ROAD-SERVED MILITARY AREA TO CONTAIN AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE
BARRACKS/STORAGE BUILDINGS DISPERSED IN THE WOODED AREA.
A DEFENSE POSITION WAS LOCATED IN A CLEARING ADJACENT TO THE
NORTHEAST EDGE OF THE WOODED AREA AND CONSISTED OF TWO AW/AA 25X

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EMPLACEMENTS, TRENCHING, AND PROBABLE FOXHOLES. HEAVY FOLIAGE PRECLUDED FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

5. SUBSEQUENT [REDACTED] COVERAGE OF THIS AREA DURING MAY-NOVEMBER 1964 REVEALED HEAVY TRACK ACTIVITY AT AREA'S ENTRANCE AND ON ROUTE 91. FURTHER INTERPRETATION WAS PRECLUDED BY HEAVY TREE CANOPY.

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6. LUCKY DRAGON [REDACTED] REVEALED THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PROBABLE TRAINING AREA, LOCATED BETWEEN BAN NA HI MILITARY AREA AND BAN KENG KHAN MAI, CONSISTING OF NUMEROUS AA/AW POSITIONS, FOXHOLES, AND TRENCHES SCATTERED THROUGHOUT CLEARINGS. NUMEROUS AA/AW POSITIONS AND V-SHAPED TRENCHES WERE OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE TOWN OF BAN KENG KHAN MAI. V-SHAPED TRENCHES WERE ALSO OBSERVED ALONG THE PERIMETER OF THE TOWN OF BAN NA HI, AND FOUR SUSPECT MILITARY AREAS UNDER DENSE TREE CANOPY WERE NOTED AROUND THE BAN NA HI MILITARY AREA.

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7. PRE-STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] REVEALS HEAVY, WHEELED TRACK ACTIVITY AT ENTRANCE OF THE MILITARY AREA. HEAVY TREE CANOPY PRECLUDES INTERPRETATION. (LUCKY DRAGON [REDACTED] REVEALED AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE DISPERSED BARRACKS/STORAGE BUILDINGS OBSERVED THROUGH A PARTIALLY DEFOLIATED TREE CANOPY.)

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[REDACTED]

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THE FORTIFIED VILLAGE OF BAN KENG KHAN MAI CONTAINS A
MILITARY AREA WITH APPROXIMATELY TWENTY DISPERSED
DWELLINGS/SHEDS INTERCONNECTED BY FOOTPATHS, NUMEROUS
V-SHAPED TRENCHES, AND SEVERAL AW/AA POSITIONS.

8. POST-STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

REVEALS FIVE BUILDINGS DESTROYED

(TWO ARE BURNING) IN THE MILITARY AREA AT BAN KENG KHAN MAI.

NO OTHER DAMAGE IS OBSERVED IN THE AREA.

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